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Dear Stakeholder

**PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ASH DISPOSAL FACILITIES AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE  
AT CAMDEN POWER STATION - DEA REF NO: 12/12/20/2300**

**Final Scoping Report available for public comment**

An Integrated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Waste Management License Application (WMLA) process is being undertaken for a proposed extension of ash disposal facilities at Camden Power Station near Ermelo in Mpumalanga.

Recent technical investigative studies have revealed that the current ash disposal facility will not be able to accommodate all the ash for the remaining operational life of the Camden power station, which is anticipated to end in 2033. These studies confirmed that the current ashing facilities would reach its carrying capacity before 2014. It was determined that the station would require an additional ash disposal facility by 2014, and this investigation is for undertaking the required environmental authorisation processes for this proposal.

Notification letters and a background information document have been distributed and site notices were placed in May 2011 to inform stakeholders of this environmental assessment processes and the approvals that are required. Based on the feedback received, a Draft Scoping Report was prepared and made available for public review from 18 July to 22 August 2011. A public meeting was also held in the Ermelo area (Indawo Game Lodge) on 27 July 2011 to discuss the content of the Draft Scoping Report.

**Availability of the Final Scoping Report for public review from 12 September to 21 October 2011**

The Scoping Report has been finalised considering the issues and concerns which were received from stakeholders during the review of the Draft Scoping Report. In accordance with the EIA Regulations, the Final Scoping Report will be submitted to the competent authority for the environmental impact assessment and the waste management license, namely the national Department of Environment Affairs (DEA). Parallel to this submission, the report will be made available for review by the public, relevant organs of state and other government departments for a 40 calendar day period. This review period will be from **12 September to 21 October 2011**.

The report will be available for review from **12 September 2011** at the following locations:

Contact	Location	Contact
<b>Printed Copies</b>		
Mr Stanley Dondolo	Ermelo Public Library	(017) 801-3621
Ms Thandiwe Mzoyi	Camden Power Station	(017) 827 8000
<b>Electronic Copies</b>		
Tobile Bokwe	<a href="http://www.eskom.co.za/eia">www.eskom.co.za/eia</a> Camden ash dam	011 800 2303
Andre Joubert	<a href="http://www.zitholele.co.za/camden-power-station">www.zitholele.co.za/camden-power-station</a>	011 207 2077

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Andre Joubert	Available on CD on request via email from Zitholele Consulting.	Phone 011 207 2077, or send email request to <a href="mailto:andrej@zitholele.co.za">andrej@zitholele.co.za</a> , or complete the enclosed form.

Your comments on the report will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment Report as well as by the DEA in the review of the Final Scoping Report.

According to the National Environmental Management Act sub-regulation 56 (6) comments on the Final Scoping Report must be addressed to the competent authority, the DEA case officer, as follows:

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It is important to ensure that you quote the project reference number: **DEA REF NO: 12/12/20/2300**.

A copy of your comments should also be sent to the public participation office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Every comment that has already been submitted to Zitholele Consulting on the Draft Scoping Report has been attached to the Final Scoping Report. Since the DEA will be receiving these comments with the report it is not necessary to resubmit comments. Only new comments that have not already been submitted to Zitholele should be submitted to the DEA. You are welcome to clarify whether your comments have been included and responded to by accessing the report at the aforementioned websites.

### **The way forward**

The following are the next steps in the EIA process:

- DEA will review the Final Scoping Report, including the Plan of Study for the EIA and Version 2 of the IRR and issue a letter either :
  - Accepting the Final Scoping Report including Plan of Study for EIA and advise the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to proceed with the tasks contemplated in the Plan of Study for EIA, or
  - Request the EAP to make such amendments to the Report or the Plan of Study for EIA as the competent authority may require.
- Specialists will continue their specialist assessments and compile specialist assessment reports.
- The specialist assessment reports will be studied and integrated into the Draft EIA Report. The Draft EIA Report and Draft Environmental Management Programme (EMP) will be made available for public review and a meeting will be held to discuss the reports.. Notification to this effect will be sent to all stakeholders.

Do not hesitate to contact the public participation office should you need any assistance.

Yours sincerely



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